

[PRIOE \$2½ PER MONTH

INTIMATIONS.

MEMBERS of the above CLUB, on
SATURDAY,
the 28th March, 1885,
Will be in the ST. ANDREW'S HALL instead of
in the THEATRE.
Admission, 30 cts. By Ticket only.
'Suits must be booked off Messrs. KELLY
& WALSH'S.
Doors open at 8.30: Concert to commence
at 9 P.M. Promptly. [562]
Hongkong, 16th March, 1885.

NOTICE

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the MEMBERS of
the HONGKONG CLUB, will be held at the
CLUB on SATURDAY, the 1st instant,
at four O'CLOCK P.M., for the
purpose of confirming the Resolutions passed at
the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING held

Immediately after the business of the Extraordinary General Meeting is concluded the YEARLY GENERAL MEETING will be held.
By Order of the General Committee.
EDWARD BEART,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1885. [583
FOR SINGAPORE MARSHALLS, LON.

THE Steamship
 "IPHIGENIA."
 Captain F. Ahrens, will be despatched for the
 short Ports **TODAY**, the 18th instant, at
 FIVE P.M.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 18th March. 1885. 1582
CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.
 SAILING FOR **SWATOW, SHANGHAI, THURSDAY**

ISLAND, COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE,
BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MEL-
BOURNE, &c.

THE Steamship
"WOOSUNG,"
Captain Hunt, will be despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 19th inst. at DAYLIGHT.
This vessel has unusually good Cabin Accom-
modation, situated amidships, upon the upper
deck.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1885. [492]

INDO-CHINA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SHANGHAI.
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates
for CHERO, TIENTSIN, NEWCHANG, HAN-
KOW and Ports on the (YAMATSE).)
THE Company's Steamship
"FOOKSANG."
Captain Herz, will be despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 19th instant, at Four
P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHEWSON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1885.
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEWCHIWANG, TIENJIN, HANKOW and PORTS on the YANGTZE.)

THE Company's Steamship

“ULYSSES.”

Captain Bremner, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 28th inst.

For Freight or Passage apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents
Hongkong, 18th March, 1885. [58]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY
(LIMITED).

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING
OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above
Company will be held at the Office of the
GENERAL AGENTS, No. 7, Queen's Road
Central, THIS DAY, the 18th instant
at TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON, for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the General Agents
together with a statement of Accounts to the
31st December, 1884.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 18th
instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
General Agents.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1885. [4]

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY
(LIMITED).


NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the **SHAREHOLDERS** in the above Company will be held at the Offices of General Agents, No. 7, Queen's Road Central, THIS DAY, the 18th instant, at HALF PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1884.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 12th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
General Agents.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1885.



POLICE NOTIFICATION.

A REVIVAL OF THE ISSUE OF NIGHT **PASSES** being about to be made

for PASSES for the use of their Service during the SECOND QUARTER of 1911 must be sent to the Police Office before 15th March, 1885.

Requests received after that date will be liable to delay before they are considered.

The Hours for the ISSUE of NIGHT PASSES at the Police Office are between 1 P.M. and 4 P.M. on all days except on SATURDAYS and SUNDAYS. Passes sent for Exchange at other hours are liable to delay.

Capt. Supt. of Police
 Hongkong, 25th February, 1895.
 CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT
 SILVER LOAN OF 1884.
 LOAN A.
 The INTEREST due 15th day of M

Current, on the 30th day of the month of June, 1900, the Bonds drawn for Redemption, will be paid at the Office of this Corporation on and after that date.

List of drawn Bonds may be had on application.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
(Agents Issuing the Loan).

Hongkong, 12th March, 1885:
THE Undersigned have been appointed
 Agents for the Sale of their Goods
 Hongkong and China by Messrs. J. & R.
 NEW, Glasgow, and Messrs. DAVID, COSS
 SONS, Arbroath.
ARNHOLD, KARBURG &
 Hongkong, January, 1867.

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON AND CO.
FAMILY AND DISPENSARY
CHEMISTS.
By Appointment to His Excellency the Governor and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.
WHOLESALE RETAIL DRUGGISTS
PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS,
DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIERS,
And
STERILIZED WATER MAKERS.

SHIPS' MEDICINE BOXES REPAIRED.
PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.
Notice.—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all communications be addressed to the Firm, A. S. Watson and Co., or
HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 18th, 1886.

There is now no doubt that, if the French order had any idea of withdrawing from Formosa, they have relinquished it, so far at least as the North is concerned. The promised reinforcements for the garrison at Keelung have been delayed because of the greater urgency for them in Tonquin, but it is clear that fresh troops are now on their way to Keelung, and as soon as they arrive, doubtless, Admiral Lespès will attempt the long-contemplated march upon Tamsui. A correspondent of the *Amoy Gazette* on board the *Guillemet* writes that the French are awaiting the arrival of 5,000 troops and a number of mules, which latter are needed for purposes of transport, the river not being navigable for a good distance from Tamsui, and with their aid and fine weather he has no doubt of the success of the enterprise. The French will do well, however, not to be over confident or to underestimate the enemy. General Liu Ming-chuan has upwards of 20,000 troops at his disposal, most of whom are fairly armed; he is said to possess some Krupp and Gatling guns, very recently acquired; and he is efficiently aided by two officers—Generals Soen and Lu—who appear to be endowed with far more sagacity and courage than Chinese military mandarins are usually credited with. Moreover time has been afforded the Chinese commanders to construct defenses works, organize their forces, and perfect their plans. Reinforcements of men and supplies of arms and ammunition continue to reach them, many junk boats managing to run the blockade successfully and land their cargoes in places to which no gunboat could safely follow them. They also possess the advantage of the services of the Hillmen, who know the country most thoroughly and are born mountaineers. The French attack will probably be made simultaneously from Keelung overland and by landing troops at Tamsui. There will certainly be obstinate fighting at both points. The Chinese are in great force among the hills beyond Wan Wan, and as there is plenty of cover the French attacking party at Tamsui will have to fight their way step by step almost down to Tamsui. Similarly the landing party at Tamsui will have to make good their ground, and supposing they capture the town of Hobei, and their further progress towards the Banca plain barred by fortifications. General Soen has been industriously fortifying the Kanto Pass, and as it is narrow, a stubborn stand may be made there. Our Tamsui correspondent thus describes the coign of vantage:—"After leaving Piao, which is a mile up the river from the Canton House at Tamsui, the river widens considerably for the next three miles or more, and then it gradually narrows at Kanto, forming a sort of pass, Kanto being on the northern shore and Siatso the end of a spur on the southern side running down from the South Hill. Just past Kanto, the river enters what is called the Banca plain—This pass of Kanto is about half way up the river, between Hobei and Tamsui. In the neighborhood of Kanto and Siatso there are on the spurs of hills running down to the pass on both sides of the river, several small stone fortifications, and on the northern or Kanto side there is a large entrenched camp. At this second line of defence, there will be some hard fighting even after Hobei is taken, especially if the Chinese fortify this part of the country, which they appear to be doing." If the French attempt to take these important towns they ought to have at least ten thousand troops, for they will have to open their communications and hold the positions when won. General Liu Ming-chuan evidently does not intend to yield without a desperate struggle, and the Imperial Government at Peking are watching his efforts with equalization and anxiety. Every effort will be made to outwit the French and lay snares for them—A mode of warfare for which North Formosa with its narrow ravines and jagged hills affords peculiar facilities. It will be seen that the obstacles to success in the path of the French are not light ones, and they can only be overcome by the exercise of great prudence and foresight, the latter involving the employment of a sufficient number of men. They made one terrible blunder when they attempted to land at Tamsui on the 8th October last—a mistake which served to encourage the Chinese to resist their invasion and thus greatly increased the difficulty of occupying North Formosa. The lesson then learned was costly enough, and doubtless has not been thrown away. The forthcoming operations in North Formosa will be watched with perhaps greater interest than those in Tonquin.

The British ship *Argentine*, Captain A. Beckford, from Hong Kong, arrived here yesterday. The Agents (Messrs. Battershall & Sons) inform us that the S. S. Co.'s steamer *Ulysses* from Liverpool, left Singapore yesterday morning for this port.

It will be seen from the advertisement in another column that the concert to be given by the Musical Club on the 28th instant will be in St. Andrew's Hall instead of in the Theatre Royal.

The German steamer *Argentine* left, and the British steamer *Argentine* went over to the Kanton docks yesterday. The Russian frigate *Argentine* will be sent from the docks to-day.

The Russian ironclad *Plavinsk* was hourly expected at Singapore from Europe on the 10th instant. She was coming from Colombo under sail, and on her arrival, the *Argentine* was to be sent to the Kanton docks. The Russian frigate *Argentine* will be sent from the docks to-day.

The *Rangoon Times* of the 24th February says:—"The night of the 23rd was a busy one, taken out of the French steamer *Cholon* and the British steamer *Argentine*, causing considerable commotion on board, and has now some fourteen feet of water in her hold. It seems that when the first water entered she was well aground, but in trying to get her off, she got into deep water forward, and the strain caused her to double up. Whether she should have been moved forward, or whether she was in a position that has still to be raised, for we have heard much more about this case.

The Siam Government, it may not be generally known, says the London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*, is making special efforts and sacrifices to ensure a good English education for the royal children. The king's son, who is now in England, is being educated at the Royal School, and the king's daughter, who is now in England, is being educated at the Royal School.

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LATE TELEGRAMS.

THE AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT FOR THE SOUVEN.
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